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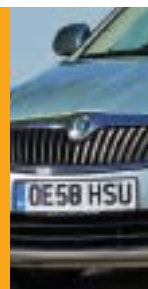
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## FOR LADIES WHO LUNCH

Women are invited to meet Martin Saggars, the ex-England and Kent cricketer, at a charity lunch on Thursday October 22 at the Bell Hotel in Sandwich.

Deborah Mason will be speaking about the health charity Wellbeing of Women, which Martin and his wife Sam (both pictured above) have chosen to support in his benefit year.

From 10am there is an open session, offering different therapies and pamper treats, workshops on flower-arranging, jewellery-making, help with hair design, photography and image consultancy. There will also be luxury items to buy, from handbags to throws and from mineral make-up to magnolias.

## EXCLUSIVE

BY NICK AMES

SANDWICH mayor Joe Trussler has raised the alarm over poachers removing valuable fish stocks from the Ropewalk stretch of the Stour.

The river contains large stocks of carp, roach, tench and rudd, while a massive pike has also been seen swimming there.

But in recent weeks people have been spotted dragging the fish out of the water and they are believed to be taking them away to eat.

The identities of the poachers have not been discovered – but in other parts of the country eastern Europeans have been identified as the culprits in similar incidents.

Carp is a delicacy in countries such as Poland, Romania, Bulgaria and Slovakia and it is possible the poachers are not aware that they are breaking the law by taking the fish.

The matter was raised at a recent town council meeting and police say they will be stepping up patrols in the area and on surrounding waterways.

But Cllr Trussler says the public can help. "So far the people who have witnessed this do not wish to get involved. I would like to see someone stand up and be counted," he said.

"I do not advise that they confront offenders. Instead they should note descriptions, time of day, which stretch of the river and even car registration numbers.

"Then information can be passed on to the police. They can even contact me at the town

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# Plastics firm to create jobs in site move



**RELOCATION:** AEI Compounds is set to move to its new site in Sandwich later this month

■ BY NICK AMES

NEW jobs are coming to the area as AEI Compounds Ltd is to move its operations from its current base in Gravesend to Sandwich in a £2.5 million investment.

The company manufactures and sells plastic compounds, used in electric cables and water pipes, and has customers across the world.

An exact number of new positions to be made available is not yet known, but the firm says it intends to step up its operations.

The relocation was made possible by a Grant for Business Investment, which is funded by the South East England Development Agency.

AEI will also be installing a new production line for its environmentally friendly and low-toxicity cables, which will allow the business to grow its market share, particularly in the Middle and Far East, where infrastructure and construction projects are demanding high-specification technical products.

Mark Shaw, managing director, said: "This investment in our business is essential if it is to remain a leading player in the global wire and

cable market, where competition from low-cost manufacturing economies continues to increase.

"Despite challenging market conditions the business has continued to thrive in the last financial year.

"Much of the success has been attributable to a culture of developing innovative new products, matched to customer demand and backed up with extensive technical support. This customer-focussed strategy will remain the key driver for AEI Compounds as it moves into its next phase of development."

The new facility in Sandwich will allow the business to develop its current activities and will house the research and technical centre.

The company currently employs 57 personnel and is confident that a majority of the employees will transfer to the new location.

Recruitment for new staff in the local area is also set to get underway.

The new production line will commence later this month with existing machinery being moved between now and the end of January 2010.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of business promotion group Locate in Kent, said: "It's great news that AEI Compounds is reinvesting in Kent, especially at a time when the manufacturing sector is suffering across the country."

## yoursandwich NEWS IN BRIEF

### Stores fall victim to distraction thieves

SIX businesses across the area have been targeted by a group of thieves.

The gang operate by distracting staff by claiming they have a relative who has mislaid property in the store or they have been asked to collect something.

While staff are looking elsewhere they then attempt to steal money from the till.

Anyone with information should phone the police on 01303 850055.

### More inconvenience as toilets stay shut

PROBLEMS with building work are delaying the reopening of the public toilets on Sandwich Quay.

The facilities were closed early in the summer for renovation work and were due to reopen for the August Bank Holiday weekend.

Further delays have now been announced due to construction work.

The town council said it hoped the block would be open in the near future.

### Special welcome for Cinque Ports guests

THE mayors of Deal and Sandwich both took part in a day of pomp and ceremony as the first citizens of the Cinque Ports towns descended on Dover as guests of Sue Jones, the Mayor of Dover.

Bill Gardner and Joe Trussler were both in the procession, led by Lord Warden, Admiral the Lord Boyce, which wound its way from the town hall to St Mary's Church.

### CCTV success rates up

A TOTAL of 12 incidents was dealt with in Sandwich as a result of coverage of the town by CCTV cameras.

In all, 367 incidents were recorded across Dover, Deal and Sandwich, with more than 250 in Dover itself.

This was higher than has been registered in previous Septembers and resulted in 44 arrests, while 33 vulnerable people were assisted.

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# Dramatic new addition is little ray of sunshine

■ BY NICK AMES

PANTOMIME couple Paul and Emily Hendy are celebrating their latest production – baby Poppy Sunshine, who owes her second name to the theme tune of comedy legends Morecambe and Wise.

The impresarios from Eastry are in their busiest period of the year, with Peter Pan, starring Adrian Edmondson, set to open this season in The Marlowe Theatre Arena, Canterbury, and Star Trek's George Takei playing the Emperor of China in Aladdin at Chatham's Central Theatre.

However, they are still managing to enjoy time with Poppy, who is just 10 weeks old but has already made her screen debut.

"We are producing Cinderella in Guildford as one of the three shows we are doing outside Kent this year," said Paul.

"We needed a baby for a screened flashback sequence – so Poppy became Baby Cinders for a day.

"She was just four weeks old at the time."

Poppy has also been in her cot on Paul's desk as he conducts

telephone deals to secure the likes of Young Ones star Edmondson, the legendary Mr Sulu and East-Enders actor Shaun Williamson for his acclaimed shows.

"Sometimes we'll be talking to a top agent on the end of the phone and she'll be gurgling away in the background," said Emily.

"But she's great and really well behaved. She was born at the Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother Hospital and it was a straightforward, nine-hour birth."

Paul said he was really looking forward to this winter's season and explained the couple had an added challenge.

"The closure of The Marlowe means we have to use a new venue – and it's spectacular," he said. "The Marlowe Arena seats 1,200 and while it is a giant marquee it has all the amenities of a theatre."

Emily and Paul both agree that the economic downturn hasn't affected their shows.

Paul said: "Panto seems to be recession-proof – tickets are selling really well. Maybe people realise they have to make economies, but this is one treat they don't want to miss out on."

Emily added: "It's one of the few things left that whole generations of the same family can enjoy together and that's what makes it so special."



**EARLY START:** Paul and Emily Hendy and son Freddie have already introduced baby Poppy to the family business with a part in Cinderella when she was four weeks old

## Golf event raises funds for children

HEALTH insurance workers put their sporting talents to charitable use recently, raising tens of thousands of pounds for the Neuroblastoma Society at this year's Lorica Consulting Charity Golf Day.

It is estimated that this year's event, which took place at Prince's Golf Club, Sandwich, has raised around £30,000 for the society.

Neuroblastoma is a rare and aggressive childhood cancer. Only about 100 children across the whole of the UK are diagnosed with the condition each year.

The Neuroblastoma Society works exclusively to raise funds for British research into the disease, as well as offering support and information for those affected.

Over 100 industry professionals gathered for a day of golf, a dinner and a charity auction hosted by football legend and sports pundit Alan Brazil.

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## Fish being taken away in dustbins

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hall if they so desire. The Ropewalk is very popular with tourists who come to fish its waters. But they put the fish back.

"These poachers are taking the fish away and so depleting our stocks. They are spoiling people's enjoyment of a local attraction.

"I would also like to make them aware that people are looking out for them. They should not be allowed to get away with it."

At the recent meeting in the Guildhall, police told councillors that similar problems were being encountered on the Ash Levels and in future the two waterways would be patrolled, along with the River Stour.

The UK's Professional Coarse Fisheries Association has been monitoring the situation nationwide and said there had even been reports of thieves using dustbins to take away their catches.

A spokesman said: "The complaints are predominantly about eastern Europeans who have come to England and, of course, there is a different culture over here.

"Many express genuine surprise that they can't take the fish home."

## Here come the planning quangocrats, says Tory

TORY candidate Laura Sandys has launched an attack on new planning legislation introduced by the Government calling its members "unaccountable quangocrats".

She said the Infrastructure Planning Commission, which came into force on Thursday, October 1, will distance local residents even further from the planning process.

Among the items which could be referred to the new body are plans to expand Kent International Airport and local harbours and alterations to the transport infrastructure.

The group is to take control of determining planning applications on large projects and will base its decisions on National Policy Statements issued by ministers with no substantive vote in Parliament, said Ms Sandys, who is contesting the Thanet South constituency.

She said: "We already have planning applications for smaller developments often referred to Bristol, who determine what is built in Thanet and Sandwich, and now we are having the powers to determine very large projects taken out of our hands.

"Trust in politics is at an all-time low, and Gordon Brown's response is to put democracy on the scrapheap. Thanet and Sandwich residents and

their elected representatives are being disenfranchised on a massive scale by the most unaccountable quangocrats ever created.

"The new quango will cost £10 million a year, and its chairman will be paid £184,000 a year for a four-day week. The commissioners will be appointed on a minimum fixed term of five years and cannot be removed short of criminal misconduct."

### Regime

Conservatives are also warning that the new planning regime – which will rule on applications from spring next year – will lead to a flood of legal challenges in the High Court and the European Court of Justice.

Planning minister John Healey said the new system replaced eight former systems, saving up to £300 million a year.

He said: "We need to improve our transport and water and waste infrastructure in a way which takes into account the needs of communities.

"The new system will be faster, cutting decision times from up to seven years down to under a year.

"The interests of the public will come first and there will be better opportunities for opinions to be heard at more stages in the process."

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## Castle restoration

WORK has started on a £250,000 restoration project to conserve historic brickwork on the defences at the northern tip of Dover Castle.

Steve Lang, of English Heritage, said: "We are stabilising areas where movement has occurred in the maze of brick-built passages known as caponiers.

"We are also carrying out repairs to the roofs, the eaves and repointing brickwork. Visitors may see scaffolding in the ditches, but the tunnels will remain fully open and visible.

"The work will ensure this unique part of Dover Castle remains in good order and can be enjoyed by generations to come."

The repairs are being carried out by David Ball Restorations.

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# War memorial campaign to press culture minister

■ BY MARIJKE COX

GEORGE Cross For Dover campaigners are stepping up their push for a war memorial within the ruins of St James's Church by calling for a meeting with the culture minister.

Alan Taylor, of Kings Ropewalk, Aycliffe, said he had been forced to take the action after English Heritage turned down the group's plans for a freestanding memorial for the 219 Dover civilians who died as a result of enemy action during the world wars.

He has also called for an investigation into the management of Dover's historical sites, saying English Heritage prioritises the castle.

"All they care about is the castle and making money," he claimed.

"They need to spend more on other historic parts of Dover but don't seem to think this is important.

"I'm taking this to the top now and calling for

an appointment with culture minister Margaret Hodge to explain how badly our heritage in Dover is being managed."

Mr Taylor told Yourdover he was disgusted at English Heritage spending so much money on a helicopter to film the castle illumination of the Great Tower in August.

He said: "Thousands were spent on that launch, some of which could have been used to fix the walls in the St James's Church ruins," he said.

But an English Heritage official defended the extravagant launch at the castle and stressed that the organisation wanted to do what was best for the district.

She said: "English Heritage is supporting the town of Dover. Investing in Dover Castle benefits the town.

"The castle attracts more than 300,000 people

every year and draws visitors to Dover. Our £2.5 million Great Tower experience, which opened in August, is already boosting visits and over the next few years we expect the number of people visiting both the castle and town to soar.

"In the past few years, we have also granted-aided two churches in the district, St Clement's in Sandwich and St Mary's in Walmer, and are supporting improvements to the promenade.

"In addition, we contributed £200,000 towards a historic environment regeneration scheme for Dover between 2003 and 2006 and are contributing the majority funding towards the production of a conservation plan for the Western Heights.

"We are also happy to consider any applications for grants for the repair of historic buildings in Dover."

But Mr Taylor said he would continue his fight and would not be backing down until a war memorial was erected at the St James's Church ruins.

## DECADES OF DUTY AND DEDICATION



MEDAL CITIZENS: From left, Steve Martin, Steven Tancock, Charlie Hendry, Sean Upton and Tim Grant at the ceremony

Fire-fighters from the Dover district have been commended for 20 years of dedication to Kent Fire and Rescue Service.

Chief fire officer Charlie Hendry and High Sheriff of Kent Jane Rodgers presented Whitfield watch manager Steve Martin, Sandwich crew managers Steven Tancock and Tim Grant, Sandwich fire-fighter Sean Upton and Deal fire-fighter Gary Willis with long-service good-conduct medals.

Mr Hendry said: "It's worth reflecting that 20 years of service to the community is a significant accomplishment," he said.

"All those receiving medals have turned out day and night, in all weathers, to house fires, road collisions and other rescues.

"Their professionalism has been of the highest standard and they have all made a substantial contribution to public safety."

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VISIT: From left, Eric O'Donnell, SeaFrance's Ellie Philpott, Vic Massingham and Dennis Hannon

## ARNHEM HEROES RETURN

Two Chelsea Pensioners returned to the scene of a pivotal Second World War battle to honour their fallen comrades. The trip was organised by Sandgate Veterans Appreciation Association and SeaFrance provided free Channel crossings and refreshments.

The group travelled to Arnhem in The Netherlands - which became known as A Bridge Too Far after an Allied airborne assault was halted by German forces in the autumn of 1944.

More than 17,500 British, Canadian, Polish and American soldiers took part in the fighting, with many casualties. Chelsea Pensioners Vic Massingham, of the King's Own Scottish Borders, and former glider pilot Eric O'Donnell were joined by retired Coldstream Guards Colour Sergeant Dennis Hannon to lay wreaths.

Mr Hannon said: "It was a wonderful trip, made even more special by having both Vic and Eric with us. We visited the war graves at Oosterbeek military cemetery.

"We laid a wreath at the grave of my uncle, who was shot as he dropped by parachute - he was dead by the time he hit the ground. One of the biggest surprises of the trip was when we discovered that the graves Eric and Vic wanted to visit were side by side."

# Tougher stance deters the yobs

THE tragic deaths of Fiona Pilkington and her disabled daughter may have been prevented had a "robust" approach to antisocial behaviour been taken, according to the Chief Constable of Kent Police.

An inquest heard last month how the mother took her own life and that of Francecca Hardwick by setting fire to her car in a lay-by in Leicestershire after years of abuse from yobs in her neighbourhood.

Reports in national newspapers have questioned whether a tougher stance, such as that taken by Kent Police with their Dover neighbourhood task team, would have prevented the tragedy.

The county's force introduced the teams into east Kent in 2007 and after proving a success they were rolled out across each district.

The Dover team in particular has been praised for its work on the Buckland estate, which has led to a substantial reduction in antisocial behaviour.

The task team is made up of five officers and one sergeant and provides a quick response to any trouble. It also acts as back-up for other neighbourhood policing teams.

Across Kent, antisocial behaviour has dropped by 7.1 per cent and public confidence in the police was at 91 per cent in areas where the teams were active.

Chief Constable Michael Fuller said he hoped the deaths of Mrs Pilkington and her daughter would have been avoided in Kent.

"I think we have a robust response to tackling antisocial behaviour. We have teams of officers that deal with that all day - that is their specialist task," he said. "I hope we would not have an incident like that."

■ BY MARIJKE COX

In Dover, the neighbourhood task team has proved such a success that in the first two weeks of September there was a 39 per cent drop in the number of reported cases of antisocial behaviour.

Chief Inspector Ken Elmes, Dover district commander, said: "This is all about partnership working to ensure people have a good quality of life.

"Years ago, the police force was a one-stop-shop. But now it's joined with other agencies every aspect of problems can be addressed.

"Through the community safety partnership, which includes the council, the fire service and other organisations, we have to ensure that Dover remains a safe place to work, live and visit.

"The community is one of the most important partners we work with as they are the ones who see the problems. Working closely with them and providing PCSOs and officers for them to communicate with is vital."

Guy Thompson, community safety unit supervisor in Dover, said the neighbourhood task teams had proved a great success, particularly on the Buckland estate.

He said: "Work in Buckland has been going on for years. It is a strong community.

"Through the help of residents we have been able to clamp down on troublemakers and tackle antisocial behaviour. The work is on-going, though.

"Even if problems are sorted out, the task team will go straight back into an area if it starts again. It's all about sustaining a safe place for people to live."

Funding for the teams is through budget savings and a rise in the police's share of council tax.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Lifeboat quiz fund-raiser

A QUIZ night is being held to raise money for the RNLI.

Teams of six to eight are invited to take part at 7pm on Saturday, October 24, at the St Mary's Parish Centre in Dover.

Fund-raising team chairwoman Barbara Stapleton said: "It has been an incredibly busy year so far for Dover lifeboat and this makes it so important that we raise money.

"The money will go to keeping the crew trained and the lifeboat maintained ready for an emergency in the Channel."

Stuart Richardson, coxswain of Dover lifeboat, said: "Fund-raisers are very much the unsung heroes of the RNLI and without their constant hard work the level of service the crews provide would be much reduced."

Tickets cost £5 per person and can be bought at the lifeboat station or alternatively by phoning Mrs Stapleton on 07910 123259.

## Dickensian style on show

THE fourth annual Dickens Festival took place in Dover in true Dickensian style earlier this month.

There were performances of the Victorian author's classic tales and a parade through the town, with everyone dressed as Charles Dickens characters.

Dover Youth Theatre put on a show at the Town Hall before a dance at the King's Hall in London Road.

The Dover Carnival Association court and visiting courts from Sandwich and Hornsey in London also took part.

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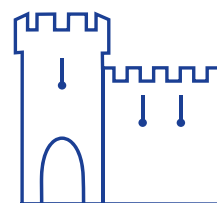
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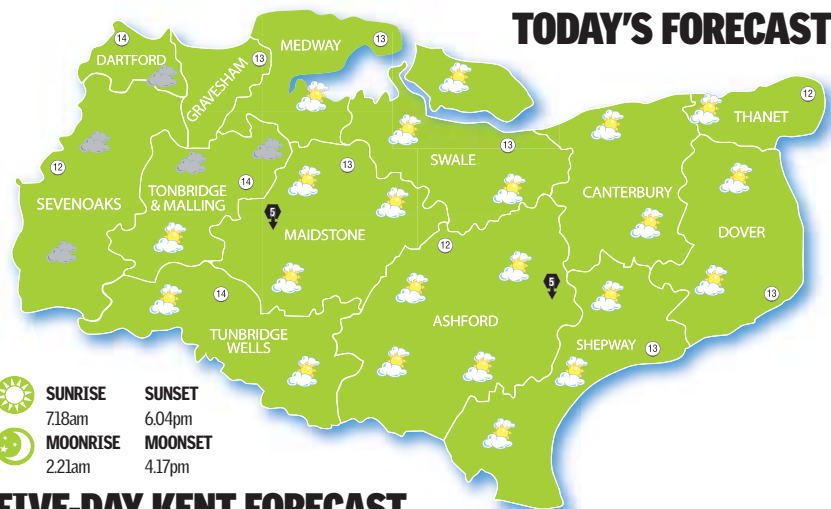
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	Sunday	11:43am	8.0m
Ramsgate	Saturday	11:32am	5.2m
	Sunday	12:10pm	5.3m
Sheerness	Saturday	12:29pm	5.8m
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## Community forum website celebrates one million hits

THE team behind a community website in Dover is celebrating after receiving more than one million hits in 18 months.

Doverforum.com, owned by Paul Boland, was given a makeover in March 2008 and since then has attracted hundreds from across the district to comment on local issues.

Mr Boland said: "If we weren't deep in a miserable recession right now we would be breaking out the Champagne."

"Doverforum tackles the controversial topics and has stimulated debate among local people and among all levels of politicians in the town and surrounding areas."

## Quiz night will raise money to keep our lifeboat afloat

A QUIZ night is being held by the Dover lifeboat to raise money for the RNLI.

Teams of six to eight people are invited to take part in the event at the St Mary's Parish Centre at 7pm on Saturday, October 24.

Barbara Stapleton, chairwoman of the fund-raising team, said: "It has been an incredibly busy year so far for our lifeboat and this makes it so important that we raise money."

Stuart Richardson, coxswain of the Dover Lifeboat, said: "The fund-raisers are the unsung heroes of the RNLI."

Tickets are £5 from the lifeboat station, or by phoning Barbara Stapleton on 07910 123259.

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## QUESTION & ANSWER

### PAUL SULLIVAN



**Q** Who or what brought you to Dover?

**A** We chose to open a new funeral service in Dover because we believed there was both room and need for another independent funeral service in the district.

Dover property prices were good at the time and we needed to buy a suitable premises with accommodation above.

While Sullivan & Son is still in its infancy I have worked extensively throughout the district for other funeral firms and so it made sense staying where I was known. I've lived in Kent for 26 years, previously in Deal, Folkestone and Canterbury.

**Q** Have you always worked in the funeral business?

**A** Yes, I have always worked in the funeral sector in this area since finishing my A-levels. After a year of letters and perseverance I was taken on by a large group of funeral directors on a YTS-type placement, aged 19.

I was then employed as a trainee funeral director and then as a branch funeral director in Folkestone for six years. In 2001 I left to work at a family-run funeral service in Deal and Sandwich before we opened in Dover in March 2007.

**Q** What was it that attracted you to the job?

**A** I have always been interested in history and it's a very old occupation, of course,

with an important and essential role in society, which appealed to me.

I imagined it would be a very interesting, secure and rewarding career choice, which it is. To bury the dead is said to be one of the corporal works of mercy and when a family entrust the body of one they love to us this could be considered a sacred duty and in many ways a privilege.

**Q** When did you decide to start up on your own?

**A** I guess from the very start it was always an eventual goal, but money and location were the two biggest issues. It was only about a year before we opened that a friend of our family offered to help financially and therefore made the dream possible. The rest, however, has involved a lot of hard work and determination.

**Q** How has it been starting out in the current climate?

**A** To be honest, the recession has had little effect on the funeral trade. There are some 1,200 deaths a year just in the Dover district – and nothing really alters this.

My challenge has been getting a foot in the door against well-established opposition.

Getting recognition and awareness that I have set up on my own has and will continue to take time and effort, but the fact that we have had a 200 per cent increase in numbers in our second year has proved that word is spreading and there is room for us.

**Q** What makes you different to other funeral directors?

**A** We try to be different, with unique touches like our black car-flags, stone keepsakes and transparent pricing structure, so clients are only charged for options and services they request.

If a family want to carry the coffin, I will not charge them for bearers. With this in place, I can provide a dignified but low-cost service and certainly the best value in the area.

Also, we have concentrated on eco-friendly options and are the only funeral service in this area using the 'coffin cover' – a cardboard coffin which slides into a traditional oak casket.

**Q** What is the best thing about your job?

**A** Job satisfaction, and I am proud of the large folder of thank-you letters and cards I have received in my 17 years in the service.

Helping someone throughout the process of a death and them acknowledging that help has kept me in the profession. It is a uniquely challenging and rewarding job at the same time.

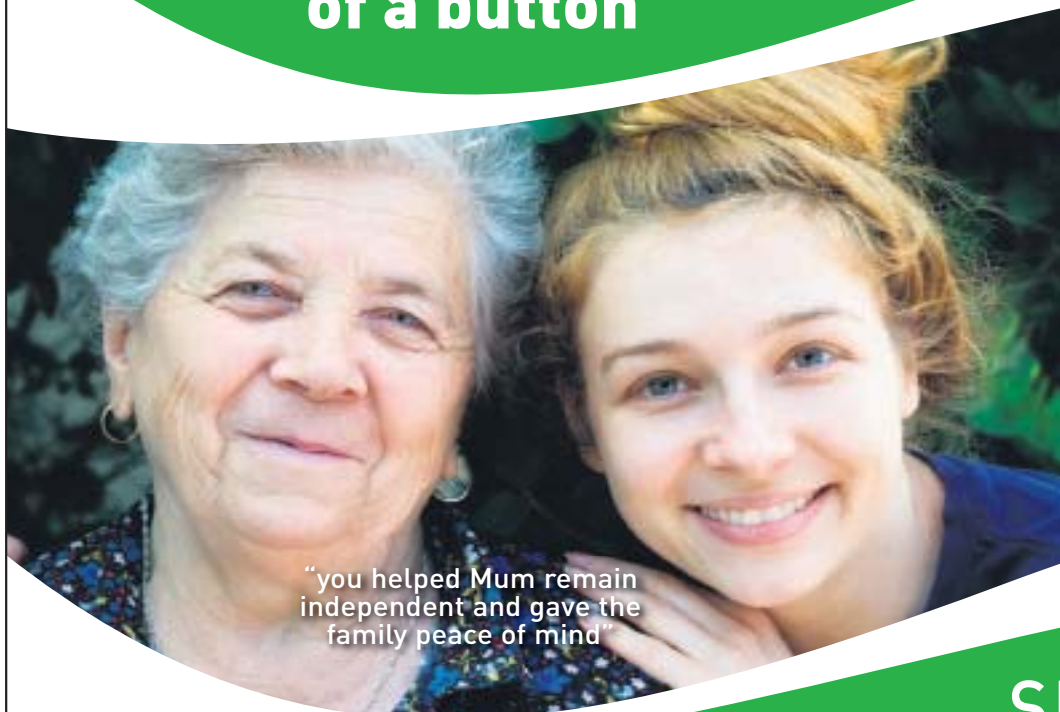
**Q** What is the most challenging thing about your job?

**A** I have experience of at least 6,000 funerals of every age and this amount of death and grief does accumulate, whether you like it or not. In most cases we are contacted and on the scene days before any other minister or counselling individuals arrive and so we have many hats to wear.

**Q & A**

Paul Sullivan, owner of Sullivan and Son funeral service, talks to **Marijke Cox** about the challenges facing funeral directors and how he is making his business a success in an area of well-established competition

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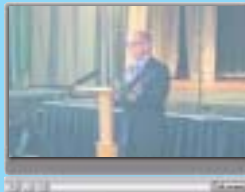




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**CAUGHT OUT:** Recreational catches made on British beaches will count as part of the UK's EU fishing quota in future

# Frustrated sea-anglers netted by EU red tape

■ BY STEVE KNIGHT

FISHERMEN have admitted defeat in their battle against planned EU legislation they claim could damage the recreational sea-angling industry.

Kent's boat charter companies, tackle shops and other businesses fear financial ruin if they are forced to abide by the same strict quotas proposed for commercial fishermen.

The European Anglers Alliance (EAA) – which includes the UK-based Angling Trust – has spent months attempting to convince the European Commission to delete Article 47 of the Common Fisheries Policy, but its appeals have fallen on deaf ears.

Should the EU's Council of Ministers

accept the policy later this year without acknowledging the alliance's concerns, then sea-anglers throughout Europe may find themselves having to count and record everything they catch.

Those figures would then become part of the UK's fishing quota allowance.

Angling Trust campaigner Leon Roskilly, from Rainham, said: "There are people in some countries who use large nets to catch fish, and we had hoped to get the commission to recognise the difference between that and recreational angling and bring in a more appropriate regulation.

"Unfortunately, we've failed. It's very frus-

trating because there are no great problems that need to be addressed with recreational sea-angling.

"We've just been scooped up in it all. The commission doesn't have the information or the data down to the level it needs to understand the vast differences in the fishing sectors."

Due to its failure to get Article 47 amended, the EAA has lodged an official objection and called for the Council of Ministers to delete it entirely.

Among the reasons given are that controlling recreational fisheries is not justified by any factual evidence and that member states are not able to control tens of thousands of boats and millions of anglers. A decision could be made as early as next month, with the new policy introduced on January 1.

## Showbiz pals happy to club together

CELEBRITIES lit up Chart Hills Golf Club as they offered their support to a charity golf day.

The stars all gave up their time to enjoy a round of golf in aid of Kent comic Dave Lee's Happy Holidays.

The charity helps hundreds of sick, disabled and disadvantaged children, giving them and their families much-needed breaks.

Among the big names taking part were Spandau Ballet singer Tony Hadley, former England fast-bowler Dean Headley, one-time England and Liverpool goalkeeping legend Ray Clemence, Dover Athletic boss Andy Hessenthaler,

ex-boxing champion Barry McGuigan and comics Bobby Davro, Brian Conley and Bradley Walsh.

They joined 30 teams taking part. KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper, was the media partner for the event.

The evening's entertainment included performances from 1960s group The Searchers and folk-singer Richard Digance. But it was former cricketer Phil DeFreitas who emerged triumphant on the course.

The all-rounder claimed the longest drive, which "landed in Belgium", according to Mr Lee. He said: "The day was sensational. Everyone enjoyed it and

wants to come back next year, with even more teams.

"There were lots of spectators and Tony Hadley and I attracted the most attention. Ladies were swooning over us."

The comic is looking forward to "the most fun you can have with your clothes on" during his role as the fairy godmother for The Marlowe's Christmas panto, Peter Pan, in Canterbury.

"We're in the final stages of receiving donations from the golf and I want to thank everyone who took part and the sponsors – including KOS Media – for helping our cause which has helped so many children," Mr Lee said.

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# How officer helped young armed robber go straight

As part of our behind-the-scenes look at the work of Kent Police, Jane Barlow speaks with former violent criminal Bobby Cummines, who has turned his life around. He talks about the positive work of our police force and how his own life has changed...

HAVING spent his teenage years in a young offenders' institution and 13 years in an adult prison you might not expect Bobby Cummines to be an advocate of the police.

He was the youngest person in Britain to be convicted for possession of a sawn-off shotgun, he was locked up for a series of armed robberies and at one point was described by the national media as the country's most dangerous prisoner after taking a governor hostage.

But a supporter of the police he is, after a conversation with a police officer resulted in him turning his life around.

Today, Bobby runs a charity for reformed offenders in Snodland and is a House of Commons advisor on crime and prisons. He has been invited to a Buckingham Palace garden party and was at 10 Downing Street with the Open University, with whom he studied during his sentence, as it celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Bobby said: "The officer who arrested me for the robberies said that I had a good brain and why didn't I use it for business instead of crime. The judge had said a similar thing and I thought about it through my sentence.

"I was in solitary confinement a lot of the time, so I read."

Bobby studied psychology, sociology, economics, politics and housing, and went on to get a degree. He got a job with a housing association



**ROLE MODEL:** Former armed robber Bobby Cummines has praise for police

and became a volunteer with the probation service. He married a prison librarian and a few years later had a daughter.

But getting his first job, with a criminal record in tow, was not easy – which is why he helped set up the charity Unlock.

He also teams up with Kent Police and youth workers to run sessions for youngsters to urge them not to get involved with crime.

Kent Police officer PC Paul Richardson, a safer school partnership co-ordinator in Maidstone, said: "Bobby has helped with a course for children who were thought likely to become involved in crime. He talks about the damage a criminal record can have later in

life. Preventing youngsters getting involved in trouble is beneficial to the whole community."

Bobby said: "I heard about police in Kent organising discos to get children off the streets and I thought if they can do something, so can I. But I didn't know anything about kids."

However, it didn't take long for him to get the hang of it and he is thrilled when teachers tell him that months after one of his talks pupils are still quoting his catch phrases – 'mugs take drugs' and 'fools carry tools'.

Bobby also has regular involvement with his two community police officers in Snodland.

He said: "They come to me and say they have a kid who is going off the rails and have I got any ideas. The officers are part of the community. They get involved and they care. They find problems and they find solutions."

"Here in Kent we have a police force we can be proud of. But people need to remember that crime isn't a police problem, or a prison problem – it is a problem for society and to reduce it we need to work together."

Bobby is full of praise for Kent Police.

He said: "They are pro-active in preventing crime. They get involved before there is a problem, rather than picking up the pieces."

"I'm all for their neighbourhood policing. Community officers show people that they are human and approachable. When people see officers out and about on the streets it takes away the fear of crime."

To find out more about Unlock phone 01634 247350.



As part of our A Safer Kent Campaign we offered readers the chance to put their questions to Chief Constable Michael Fuller. Here is the second set of answers. See all the questions and answers in full at [www.kentnews.co.uk](http://www.kentnews.co.uk).

**How come Kent Police cannot afford its own helicopter and we always have to use the Essex force's one?**

James Parnell, Westgate-on-Sea.

In the past we have relied on a policy of assistance from other forces when we have needed to use a helicopter, but increasing costs and reduced availability meant we had to examine a new way of providing air support.

To run our own service would cost at least £8 million to set up, and take two years before it was fully implemented. Working with Essex meant we could do this immediately and without having to put in a big initial investment. It has meant the use of the helicopter in Kent has increased by 700 per cent compared to the previous arrangement.

**How many murders in the last ten years in Kent remain unsolved?**

offir@aol.com

More than 93 per cent of murders that occurred in Kent in the past ten years have been solved. There are currently ten where, so far, no one has been successfully prosecuted.

**What is Kent Police's child protection policy and what lessons have Kent Police learned as a result of the Baby P case?**

Celia Wilkinson, Tunbridge Wells

The key objective of our child protection policy is to safeguard children and investigate child abuse and neglect.

Lord Laming's report in 2003 into the tragic death of Victoria Climbié resulted in a number of significant changes in the way in which child abuse is managed. In April 2004 Kent Police child abuse investigation units were re-structured, staffing levels significantly increased and a substantial amount of money was invested. Last year Kent Police Authority added £750,000 to provide an increased number of officers to manage and monitor offenders.

Child abuse investigation units within Kent Police are dedicated solely to the role of investigating child abuse, and are run by highly trained investigators who are specialists in the field of identifying offences against children. The force has established a public protection unit, which is responsible for protecting vulnerable people. We also work closely with key partners and other agencies. In many cases it is only when information from a range of sources is put together that risk to children can be identified and assessed.

Lord Laming's latest report, following the death of Baby Peter, outlines 58 recommendations across all statutory agencies – 13 relate to the police service. In Kent we are in a strong position to take forward all the recommendations made. This is identified as a key priority.

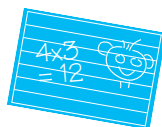


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## BREAK TIME

### Tuning into life of former college boy

A CLASSICAL composer who attended Dover College is to have his life documented by a Japanese production company.

Former pupil Dai Fujikura, 32, originally from Osaka, has become known worldwide for his musical compositions.

His old housemaster Mr Vanderhoeven, who still works at Dover College, said: "Dai was a delightful young man from the moment he joined us 17 years ago.

"He had very little English but was clearly a prodigious musical talent. He played the piano and scored one of the highest marks ever awarded for the grade-eight piano examination.

"Right from the start it was clear he was going to be a professional musician and at the college we were keen to allow him to develop and express himself.

"It is always lovely to see our old pupils and we have followed Dai's career with a mixture of pride and interest."

### Technical openings

PARENTS and their children are being invited to open days at Sandwich Technology School.

Visitors will have the chance to meet the dedicated team and see the facilities at the school in Deal Road.

Open days are being held on Wednesday, October 21, from 6pm-8pm and Thursday, October 22, from 10am to noon.

For more information about the school visit [www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk](http://www.sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk), email [admin@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sandwich-tech.kent.sch.uk), or phone 01304 610000.

# New workshop can add drive to hands-on study

■ BY MARIJKE COX

### A NEW body and paint workshop has now been opened at South Kent College.

Students can now take their Automotive Technician Accreditation (ATA) at the new test centre, which is the only one in the South East. Before the new workshop was opened at SKC, paint-sprayers working in garages across Kent had to travel to Milton Keynes and Ipswich to get their qualifications.

Staff working at body shops in the motor-vehicle industry must have ATA approval before insurance companies allow damaged cars to be repaired by them.

The centre was launched at the college with staff from the ATA, principal Monica Box, vice-principal Jackie Watt and the first student to take and pass the test at the college, Stuart Lee, from Saville Road, Deal.

The 48-year-old currently works for Campbells car dealers in Kingsdown and was thrilled when he found out he had passed the ATA test.

He said: "It was horrible – I've been doing this job for 25 years, but in this test environment it was nerve-racking.

"I was very pleasantly surprised by myself because there is a high failure rate on the online part of it.

"I would have been gutted if I hadn't passed, so I proved something to myself, but it was not an easy day."

David Somerfield, learning manager for the



ART: South Kent College can now offer students the chance to take their Automotive Technician Accreditation

centre, said staff working in garages carrying out repairs to the satisfaction of the insurance industry will be able to prove they have the skills needed for the job once they have passed the test.

But he warned people signing up to the test that it wasn't as easy as it seemed.

Principal Monica Box said she was thrilled the college was providing a centre that could service the whole of the South East.

She added that the ATA award to SKC was a tribute to the dedication and hard work of staff and college business partners.

She said: "Skills developed here will enable local young people to gain employment and qualifications, as well as attract businesses who will appreciate the standard of work being attained."

For more information about the course, visit [www.southkent.ac.uk](http://www.southkent.ac.uk).

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FIFA vice-president Jack Warner's attack on England's tournament bid sticks in the craw

## Should this man be allowed to savage our World Cup hopes?

ONE of football's major annoyances is at it again.

No, he's not a diver or a moaning manager and I'm pretty sure he doesn't have a WAG who appears in the tabloid press every day. And it's not Sven.

Step forward Jack Warner of Trinidad – FIFA vice-president and head of the American CONCACAF branch of the world game.

And guess what – he's having a go at England's bid for the 2018 World Cup.

Why not wreck the dreams of millions of sports fans in the UK, Jack – and those players and supporters who would love to experience some of the venues they dreamt about when getting a passion for the game, such as Anfield, Old Trafford and Wembley.

"Nobody in Europe likes England" he said. "England is an irritant," he said.

"England invented the sport but has never made any impact on world football."

Jack – 1966 mean anything to you?

A couple of years ago, which two teams

played for the biggest prize in club football? Oh yes, Manchester United and Chelsea. Where do you think they come from?

Accusing the bid leadership of being "light-weight" and unknown in international football circles, he said England was failing to make the most of its advantages and falling behind rival bids from Spain and Portugal and Russia.

Luckily, he's on hand with advice: "I would have been more aggressive in the market-place. If I had the Premier League, Beckham and the Queen, there would have been many things I could have done for the people who are voting."

"I would have made them next-door neighbours to make them the first name on people's lips. You have no divine right to anything – you have to earn it."

And the trouble is, he has some power – he has a number of votes for his member nations and can cast them how he sees fit. But let's take a look at the man himself and his career.

The BBC Panorama programme has accused him of serious corruption for using his position

for financial gain. Even FIFA's auditors Ernst and Young, estimated his family made a profit of at least £500,000 from reselling 2006 World Cup tickets he had ordered. A fine was apparently imposed, but only about half has been paid back.

When Trinidad and Tobago played a match against Scotland, he didn't think the islands' FA should have the appearance cheque made out to them. He said it should be made out to him. Luckily, the canny Scots saw through this and refused, but the cheek of it is astonishing.

Then there is the issue of non-payment of correct bonuses to his national team players, an issue on which former West Ham goalkeeper Shaka Hislop – then president of the islands' players association – called him "heavily biased and opinionated".

I could go on – but I won't.

I think you get my point.

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## TALK TIME

### KAROL STEELE

The actress behind the Cheriton and Morehall Carnival Association, who was in last year's Leas Cliff Hall panto, told us how she got involved in acting



#### How did you first get involved in acting?

My son has always been interested in acting and when the Blackfish Academy opened up in Dover in 2005 I went down with him and they started auditioning for Hood, their first musical. The co-director came out and said "We need some older women" and pointed at me. I ended up getting a principal role.

#### Tell us about your role in the film The Other Boleyn Girl.

I went for the audition and got a phone call asking me to go for a costume-fitting the next day. I was quite disappointed to find I was only going to be a peasant girl for one day, but fortunately the girl who was supposed to be a Seymour noble-woman couldn't fit in her dress, so I ended up with 10 days' work.

#### What was it like acting in front of cameras?

Stage is much more an immediate rush – you get a reaction straight away. It's a different kind of excitement when you're putting a film together. There's a lot of sitting around, but there's the anticipation of seeing the finished product. Both are so much fun.

#### What do you see for the future?

I hope to stick with acting. It gets more exciting with everything I do. I get such a buzz out of it. I'd like to be like Margaret Rutherford – she started later in life.

## YOUR LETTERS

### Thanks to all who supported match

I WAS fortunate enough to see and support the tribute to our Deal 11 from the DBrfe, Royal Marine Band XV.

I thought the memorial match was to involve all within the Deal community.

I invited various businesses in Deal to show their commitment in supporting the memories of our 11, through supporting this match in which the Royal Marines Band come to the Drill Field to show their respect to their comrades.

DBrfe made sure their bellies were full, with bacon rolls and a cuppa on their arrival, thanks to Meat 'n' Place of Deal, and oranges at half-time, thanks to Payne's of Deal.

Tea was chilli and shepherd's pie made by Jayne of The Stag, with food from John Friend.

This support was greatly received and hopefully will be repeated on future Memorial Matches.

But we as residents and businesses could do even more to allow Deal to say thank you.

Chris Tough  
by email

### Let's fine louts who litter our town

WE were elated to see the letter in this paper on September 16 by John O'Neon referring to the litter problem in Folkestone.

We had begun to think that a



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handful of residents on The Leas were the only ones who cared. It is a very big issue, of course, being much worse in the summer months.

It is unbelievable to watch the offenders simply get up and walk

away, leaving their litter on the grass area of The Leas.

We cannot understand why the Community Safety Officers have not seemingly been given the power to issue fines for such unacceptable behaviour. Other

towns seem to enforce fines, or indeed at least have notices pointing out the risk of receiving a fine should you discard of your litter in a thoughtless manner.

Come on, Shepway council, enforce the fines. Let's clean up Folkestone!

Marion and Tony Butcher  
Folkestone

## Pavement the only choice for cyclists

I DID not see Gary Wright's blog attacking cyclists, but I have read the responses in last week's paper and wish to take issue with Clare Read.

Cyclists do not cycle on pavements from choice, they are driven to it.

The alternative is risking life and limb by cycling along roads where there is heavy traffic and parked cars, some of whose occupants open their doors in the path of passing cyclists; negotiating speed bumps where there is no kerbside passage for cyclists; worse still, there are pinch-points where there is no kerbside passage.

Clearly, cycling on the pavement is a lesser evil.

I have never seen a cyclist go through red lights. There is no need, one simply gets off and walks across to the other side, where one remounts.

I admit to occasionally cycling the wrong way down a one-way street. This practice is common in The Netherlands and elsewhere on the Continent.

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Elizabeth Lonkhurst  
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## Investment vital to reduce traffic impact

Ian Taylor's figures (Letters, September 30) suggesting what drivers put into the Treasury leave out the impact on the NHS, the courts, policing and the costs of collecting revenue, costs without which the road system cannot function.

Since this means there is a real-terms deficit of about £13-14 billion per year, it is reasonable to say private motoring is subsidised.

The Green Party argues that it is worth investing in walking, cycling, buses and the railways to reduce traffic congestion and air pollution.

About 24,000 people die each year as a result of air pollution.

It would be good to see the views of readers on solutions to pollution and traffic congestion that do not involve building more motorways.

Dr Hazel Dawe  
Kent Green Party

## Why did KCC delay in answering question?

I recently wrote to Dover District Council and Kent County Council

under the Freedom of Information Act to find out why the topic for discussion at the Deal Neighbourhood Forum meeting on October 6 had been changed from regeneration to flooding and drainage.

Kent County Council took six days to tell me that they would endeavour to supply data by October 21.

Dover District Council replied two days after receiving my letter, providing most of the answers to my questions. They said the change was due to Deryck Murray, former Mayor of Deal, raising questions. It's nice to know the public can embarrass our Tory council into action. But why does an authority like Kent County Council need six days to not answer a question that Dover District Council can answer in two?

Bryan Henderson  
Deal Town Council

## Help for sufferers of arthritis to keep jobs

Arthritis affects nine million people of all ages in the UK, and is this country's leading cause of disability.

So it makes sense that the theme of World Arthritis Day on October 12 was 'Let's Work Together' to keep people with arthritis in jobs.

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Neil Betteridge,  
Chief executive, Arthritis Care

## Cut down on salt to reduce risk of cancer

RECENT media coverage has focused on the fact that foods such as breakfast cereals often contain more salt than you might expect.

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Lisa Cooney  
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The cathedral hosts a number of concerts, including the already sold-out performance of Handel's Coronation Anthems by Harry Christophers and The Sixteen.

Enjoy the sounds of Russia with the St Petersburg Symphony Orchestra and cellist Guy Johnston, while the Trondheim Soloists bring some Scandinavian influences. The cathedral is also the setting for Canterbury Choral Society's rendition of Haydn's Creation.

Bad Manners will play at the first night party and Cara Dillon, Roberto Fonseca, the Abram Wilson Quartet, the Devon Sproule Band and Polish spectacle The Table all feature in the world music programme, while the Festival Club will rock to the sounds of Los Desterrados, Heads South, Strangeworld, Johnny Flynn and Earl Gaines & The Catfish Kings.

Laughs will be provided by the likes of Julian Clary, Stewart Lee, Alistair McGowan, Sarah Millican and Reginald D Hunter, and theatre fans can lose themselves in high-quality productions like Gertrude's Secret, Morecambe, The Really Promising Company, and Spymonkey's Moby Dick.

Film director, food critic and author Michael Winner, broadcaster Joan Bakewell, adventurer Charley Boorman and new Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, join the diverse line-up of speakers.

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Friday, October 23  
Town Hall, Dover

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The highly popular comedian usually gives an annual comedy show at The Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury, but it has been put on hold for a couple of years while the venue is closed for redevelopment.

Anyone who is missing their fix of Lee humour can still see him in action during the Dave Lee Comedy Dinners.

Taking place at venues across east Kent, the events will give fans the chance to enjoy a three-course meal, games, an auction and entertainment from the funny man himself.

There will also be the opportunity to ask Lee questions during the evening.

Organised by the Friends of the Marlowe, the event's proceeds will go to the New Marlowe Theatre Development Trust and Dave Lee's Happy Holidays charity.

The event at Dover Town Hall starts at 7pm for 7.30pm and tickets cost £39.50. To book, phone David Roberts on 01227 772969.

Another comedy dinner will be held in Canterbury later this month.



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BY SIMON ROBINSON

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The next Moogie Wonderland will be held on Saturday, November 28, followed by the New Year's Eve party on Thursday, December 31.

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# Love happens on screen for single girl Jennifer

BY KATE WHITING

THERE has been a special place in the gossip columns for speculation about Jennifer Aniston's love life since her painfully-public split from Brad Pitt four years ago.

The magazine industry's favourite single girl only has to stand next to a member of the opposite sex and the gossip mills are whirring. "It's a funny feeling when you're walking down a street shooting a movie and all of a sudden, the paparazzi are there and everybody flees, because they don't want to be the person stuck with the 'mystery guy' arrow," jokes Jen, when we meet to chat about her latest film, *Love Happens*.

The latest rumours concern her friendship with Gerard Butler, with whom she recently finished filming action movie *The Bounty*.

They've been spotted in Los Angeles, but Jen insists there's nothing romantic going on with the hunky Scottish actor.

"No, but he's a dear friend, I do adore him," she says, a smile lighting her tanned face.

With the media scrutinising her every move, it's hardly surprising Jen seems to have been unlucky in love since her split from Brad.

She dated *The Break Up* co-star Vince Vaughn, then model Paul Sculfor and had an on-off relationship with singer John Mayer, which ended in March this year.

And with her latest film casting her as a free spirit, who keeps falling for the wrong guy, there's due to be another wave of press intrusion into her love life.

Jen, who turned 40 this year, became a household name playing Rachel Green in the hit Channel 4 US import *Friends*.

When the show came to an end in 2004, she



ROMCOM QUEEN: Aniston plays a florist in *Love Happens*

made the successful leap into movies, with a role in thriller *Derailed*, alongside Clive Owen.

But more recently, she's become queen of the romcom, with films like *Rumour Has It*, *The Break Up* and last year's *Marley & Me*.

Her latest outing is as a florist in *Love Happens*. It centres around self-help author and therapist Dr Burke Ryan (Aaron Eckhart), who arrives in the city to teach a sold-out seminar. But all the time he's encour-

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aging his patients to overcome emotional pain, he's unable to deal the death of his wife.

Meanwhile, Eloise (Jen), has sworn off men altogether. But when she bumps into Burke in his hotel and there's an instant attraction.

Jen says: "Eloise sees an opportunity to fix something, and Burke is looking to be healed."

"For him, it's the first time he's allowed his heart to feel. When you do that, you have to clean out the skeletons."

You get the sense that Jen is speaking from experience. It can't have been easy going from being one half of Hollywood's golden couple, to seeing Brad play happy families with Angelina Jolie.

But she shrugs off the sympathy vote. "There's nothing wrong with me," she giggles.

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Picture: BBC

**SCARY:** Monica Galetti and Michel Roux Junior make Gregg Wallace seem like a teddy bear

■ BY **MARIJKE COX**

**MASTERCHEF: THE PROFESSIONALS**  
BBC2, 8.30pm, week nights

BEING a professional chef is the one job in the world at which I know I would completely fail.

Not only because my cooking repertoire consists solely of macaroni cheese, but the thought of effing and blinding my way around a hot, sweaty kitchen with knives and other life-threatening equipment floating about fills me with dread. That was until I saw Masterchef: The Professionals.

I now think perhaps I wouldn't be too bad after watching some of these hapless 'chefs' shake – yes, really – their way around a kitchen.

In some cases, the contestants have undercooked their food. Even I know that one way to avoid spending a day on the toilet or, worse, killing yourself is to cook a bird properly.

The formula for the show is the same as it's always been – contestants cooking, judges sampling and someone crying while they hurl their chef hat to the floor as they're eliminated from the competition.

Just watching nervous chefs trying to gut a fish under the icy glare of

Michel Roux Junior's senior sous-chef Monica Galetti makes me squirm, even from the safety of my sofa.

Her scary facial expressions that cause even the better of the chefs to shake with nerves make co-judge Gregg Wallace seem like a teddy bear.

He's the harmless judge the chefs are counting on not to shatter their dreams of owning their own restaurant, winning it for their mum, or whatever unoriginal statement they come out with while sautéing potatoes or pureeing peas.

After the skills and taste test in the first round, one 'professional' is sent packing and the others move on to the versatility test.

The chefs then have 50 minutes to create two dishes from random ingredients. This is when viewers will see chefs from all walks of life trying to 'refine' their food in the hope they will overnight become a Michelin-starred success. If I had a pound for every time a contestant said 'refine', well, you know the rest...

The final challenge is the classic recipe test, which does exactly what it says on the tin – as long as the chefs follow the instructions.

The show is addictive and for any budding chefs out there, if some of those contestants can manage it, I'm sure you can.

## YOUR WEEK'S HOROSCOPE

BY RUSSELL GRANT



**AQUARIUS** (Jan 21-Feb 19)  
AN official decision will be made in your favour, enabling you to move on to greener pastures. If you're recovering from a bad break up, you could meet someone special at a concert, museum, or gallery. They will seem like your opposite in many respects, but you are both reliable.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Aquarius** 09067-531762



**TAURUS** (Apr 21-May 21)  
BEING a help to friends, family, and colleagues is a good use of your time. You have keen instincts about what people need. If you enjoy being artistic and creative why not pick up your pen or paintbrush, or head for the kitchen and whip up something tasty and tempting.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Taurus** 09067-531753



**LEO** (Jul 24-Aug 23)  
YOU know just what to say to win people over to your point of view. This is a great time to ask for a date, apply for a job, or get a loan. It doesn't matter what your credentials are; you will turn the tide in your favour. People will also be impressed by your boldness.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Leo** 09067-531756



**SCORPIO** (Oct 24-Nov 22)  
FRIENDS have been putting demands on you. You've earned the right to some private time. You may feel conflicted about going away when an exciting career opportunity becomes available. Go ahead and throw your hat in the ring, and then go away.

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**PISCES** (Feb 20-Mar 20)  
YOU could inherit a beautiful work of art you have admired for years. Alternatively, money from an investment, government grant, or scholarship makes life a lot easier. Don't question your luck; just use it to further your dreams. A glamorous job could become available.

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**GEMINI** (May 22-Jun 22)  
INVITATIONS arrive thick and fast filling your diary and making you feel great. If you're looking for love, you could find someone special. The two of you will hit it off like strawberries and cream. Beware of spending beyond your means, or you'll rack up bills that could haunt you.

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**VIRGO** (Aug 24-Sep 23)  
BEAUTIFUL possessions could be coming your way. Be ready to spend a little extra money on clothing, furniture, and artwork that catches your eye, you need to be surrounded by lovely objects. All these things will uplift and inspire you, even during difficult times.

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**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov 23-Dec 21)  
YOUR social self comes out this week. Mixing and mingling gives you a new lease on life. Lately, career demands have kept your nose to the grindstone. Now work responsibilities are easing, you can meet mates for a few laughs. When it comes to money, spend it on fun and adventure.

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**ARIES** (Mar 21-Apr 20)  
YOU attract romance like bees round a honey pot. If you're single, you could hook up with an admirer who makes you feel desirable. Already have a partner? The two of you may decide to go on a vacation. Any place that affords lots of outdoor activity is favoured.

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**CANCER** (Jun 23-Jul 23)  
HOME has always been important to you, and that's especially true now. You thrive in a beautiful environment. If there's a room that drives you crazy, make a plan to transform it. Hosting a family reunion will be a lot more fun than you think. Get some help from a female relative.

• To find out more about what the stars have in store call Russell on **Cancer** 09067-531755



**LIBRA** (Sep 24-Oct 23)  
IMPROVING your appearance could be as simple as taking a quick inventory of your wardrobe. Donate or toss anything that makes you feel dowdy or depressed. Do some research on styles that flatter your body type. Consult with a hairstylist on cuts that will enhance your face.

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**CAPRICORN** (Dec 22-Jan 20)  
YOU could be put before the public gaze thanks to a work related issue. The reason you've been put in the spotlight is because you have such a pleasant manner. If you are contemplating a career change, check out opportunities that have a glamorous aura around them.

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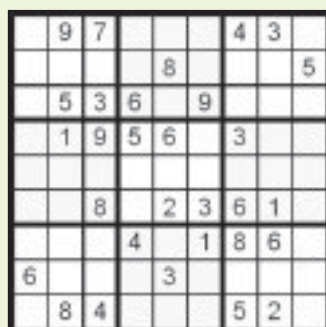
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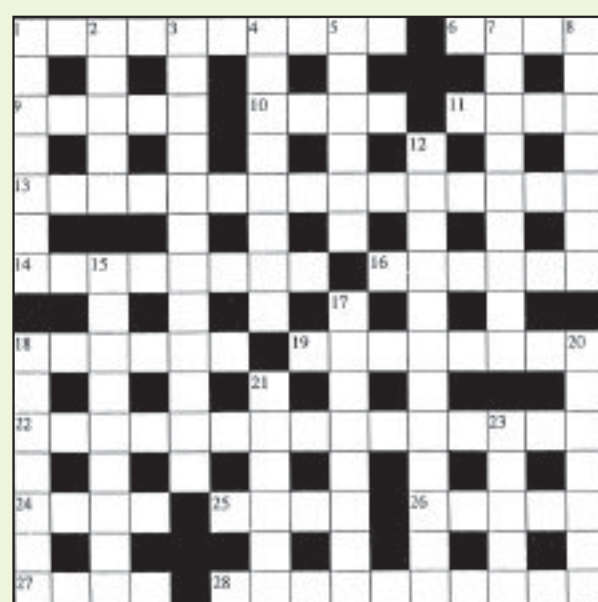
#### ACROSS

- 1 Growth of genealogy? (6,4)  
6 Endlessly flesh-creeping ego (4)  
9 Free to relax (3,2)  
10 Mere game (4)  
11 Child of four in courtyard shortly (4)  
13 Shaky timber producer (9,6) ...  
14 ... dated feature found in warm countries! (4-4)  
16 Remarkably is able to go down rockface (6)  
18 Reputation of Wren on bender (6)  
19 Impressive joke I made interrupting Scotsman (8)  
22 Proconsul verily confused member of body of advisers (5,10)  
24 Susan, last character in Egyptian port (4)  
25 A quiet corner in church (4)  
26 Moggy's 10 across (5)  
27 Formerly formerly (4)  
28 Sign of possession (10)

#### DOWN

- 1 Touched end of pen (4-3)  
2 Hat raised during some other time (5)  
3 Peep (4,4,4)  
4 Star from Interpol (8)  
5 Some sixteen ought to be adequate (6)  
7 Expedition leader with phoney bulletin boiling over (9)  
8 From fear, led out in alliance (7)  
12 Wheeled a sandwich? (6-6)  
15 One must be tall to have this ungainly quality (9)  
17 Father out more? It doesn't hurt as much (8)  
18 Toper is drunk in counterattack (7)  
20 Scottish essayist from English city, we hear (7)  
21 Voice report of popular opinion (3,3)  
23 Started smoking when drunk (3,2)

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#### ACROSS

- 1 Ski suit (10)  
6 Labyrinth (4)  
9 High-bridged (nose) (5)  
10 Lady's fingers (4)  
11 Cease (4)  
13 Bittersweet (5-10)  
14 Neckcloth (8)  
16 Part of the neck (6)  
18 Humorous (6)  
19 Sharp-sighted (4-4)  
22 Fellow lodger (6,9)  
24 Theatre box (4)  
25 Offer for sale (4)  
26 Susie (anag.) (5)  
27 Intense (4)  
28 Single evening performance (3-7)

#### DOWN

- 1 Malaysian state (7)  
2 West Indian dance (5)  
3 Flageolet (5-7)  
4 Cheat (3-5)  
5 Hearty (anag.) (6)  
7 Flattering (9)  
8 Beg (7)  
12 Suffocating (12)  
15 Four-sided figure (9)  
17 Hired ruffian (8)  
18 Elbowed (7)  
20 Male ballet-dancer (7)  
21 Computer monitor (6)  
23 Small map (5)

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**ACROSS:** 1 Arena 4 Pedicure 8 Tactical voting 10 Wolfhound 11 Troop 12 Ruby 13 Unbutton 17 Jeremiad 18 Zoom 22 Keyed 24 Constrain 25 Advent calendar 26 Elongate 27 Tidal. **DOWN:** 1 Antiwar 2 Excalibur 3 Aright 4 Plaque 5 Dividend 6 Cut it out 7 Rondo 9 Spin 14 Two-handed 15 Smidgeon 16 Calcutta 17 Joke 19 Mongrel 20 Invade 21 At rest 23 Yodel.

### QUICK SOLUTION No109

18 Jostled 20 Damsel 21 Screen 22 Inset. Asphyxiating 15 Rectangle 17 Myrmidon timer 5 Earthy 7 Adulatory 8 Entreat 12 Sarawak 2 Limbo 3 Penny-whistle 4 Two-issued 27 Deep 28 One-nighter. **DOWN:** 1 Keen 2 Stable companion 24 Loge 25 Vend 26 Kerchief 16 Throat 18 Joscoe 19 Lynx-eyed 22 Okla 11 Quilt 13 Woody-nightshade 14 Asphyxiating 15 Rectangle 17 Myrmidon timer 5 Earthy 7 Adulatory 8 Entreat 12 Sarawak 2 Limbo 3 Penny-whistle 4 Two-issued 27 Deep 28 One-nighter.



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# A lucky break in historic Lucca

■ BY TOM PHEBEY

AT Podere Consani, a small group of traditional farmhouses on a plateau in the Tuscan hills, there's never a doubt you're getting away from it all.

You reach the estate via a narrow lane that zigzags its way up wooded hills before petering out into a bumpy dirt track.

This tranquil haven is a million miles from crowded airports where only hours before we had queued and jostled.

But the beautiful medieval city of Lucca is only 20 minutes away by car and a little further, in the opposite direction, lie the coastal resorts of the Tuscan Riviera.

Podere Consani is more than just a holiday retreat – it's an active equestrian centre, a wine-making business and grows loads of its own provisions.

Running the whole enterprise is Susan Beeby, who comes from a farming family in Nottingham and trained as a teacher in London and Leicester before taking a job with an English family in a beautiful villa near Lucca.

Susan married a local geometra (mixture of an architect and surveyor) who specialises in restoring old buildings and they eventually bought Podere Consani, slowly creating the scenic estate it is today.

Susan led my wife and I to La Capanna, one of two rustic holiday homes next to the family home in the main farmhouse.

La Capanna, a converted barn with plenty of beams and terracotta tiles, sleeps four in two double bedrooms and is set on two levels.

It would be incredibly easy to pull out the sunbeds, uncork the wine and not leave tran-



**IMPOSING:** The beautiful Piazza dell' Anfiteatro, on the site of a Roman amphitheatre, in the ancient town of Lucca

quil Podere Consani for a week, but there are sights to be seen, places to explore.

We slipped into a routine that involved exploring the area and stocking up in the excellent supermarket, while ensuring plenty of rest and relaxation beside the pool and strolling through the olive groves of Podere Consani.

A day out in historic Lucca is de rigueur for any visitors to this north-western quarter of Tuscany.

Lucca was originally a Roman military camp and little has changed since the Middle Ages when a network of narrow alleys and squares was constructed.

The city of 85,000 inhabitants boasts some of

the best preserved Renaissance defences in Europe.

In baking sunshine we walked through a gate in the imposing walls to find ourselves in a labyrinth of little streets, mainly given over to pedestrians and cyclists, which are worthy of some serious exploration.

While visitors are welcomed, Lucca is thankfully not spoiled by tourism.

In the other direction a ten-mile strip of beachside resorts, from Viareggio to Forte dei Marmi, is about 30 minutes by car from Podere Consani. With acres of golden sand overlooked by mountains, it's an ideal playground for children.

## FACT FILE: TUSCANY

<b>Time difference</b>	+ One hour (GMT)
<b>Capital</b>	Florence
<b>Language</b>	Italian
<b>Population</b>	About 3.7 million
<b>Currency</b>	£1 = about 1.1 euro
<b>Religion</b>	Roman Catholic

## Travel facts

- Tom Phebey was a guest of Simply Travel, which offers seven nights' self-catering at Podere Consani this summer from £599 (four sharing), including return flights and car hire.
- Simply Travel reservations: 0871 231 4041 and [www.simplytravel.co.uk](http://www.simplytravel.co.uk).

Viareggio is one of the most popular seaside resorts in Italy. The long broad beach has some public areas, but many sections are reserved for the residents of the seafront hotels.

In fashionable Forte dei Marmi, the seafront is packed with beach clubs, which offer access to the beach at a price, and a mini-city of sunbeds and parasols stretches as far as the eye can see.

We paid 15 euros for a few hours on sunbeds, and another 40-odd for a surprisingly good lunch of salad, seafood spaghetti, and wine.

Driving back to Podere Consani, we stopped for dinner. The exterior of Valentino in the hamlet of Fiano, was inauspicious to say the least and we almost turned away.

I'm glad we didn't because this turned out to be the culinary highlight of the holiday.

We were served interesting antipasti followed by succulent homemade ravioli with butter and sage, and a selection of the best ice cream I have ever enjoyed.

Including wine, it cost just 16 euros a head.

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## PROPERTY NEWS

### Make your move while prices are still down

WITH the latest positive reports that mortgage approvals were 81 per cent higher last month than in August, Taylor Wimpey South East is urging house hunters to make their move now to avoid missing out.

The house builder, which has sold 365 homes this year, believes the combination of low interest rates, competitive house prices and a wider range of mortgages, makes now the perfect time to buy.

Mark Pajak, regional sales and marketing director for Taylor Wimpey South East, said: "It's no surprise that record low interest rates and more affordable property prices have been attracting savvy house hunters for a number of months now.

"However, the clear signs of sustained house price growth and news that high street banks are beginning to lend more freely – with price wars breaking out between two major players – is surely the clearest sign yet that the property market is getting back on track.

"Those who have put their moving plans on hold in the hope of prices falling even further should rethink their strategy to avoid missing out."

### Simon Miller Company welcomed into the Guild

ESTATE agent Simon Miller and Company of West Malling has been awarded membership of the prestigious Guild of Professional Estate Agents.

The Guild is a nationwide network of more than 400 leading estate agents, all dedicated to maintaining the highest standards of professionalism and customer service.

Guild membership is traditionally only granted to one agent in a given area.

This award means that Simon Miller and Company has been judged to have met the guild's exacting membership criteria, and in recognition of this achievement has been selected as its sole representative in West Malling.

Spokesman Jay Speller said: "It is a tribute to all the hard work and investment in building our reputation for high quality professional service, and underlines our position as the leading estate agent in the area."

Speaking on behalf of the guild, CEO Marcus Whewell said: "We're delighted to welcome Simon Miller & Company. Their excellent reputation and focus on outstanding service means they'll be an important and valued asset to the network."



**EXCHANGE RATE:** HIPs reduce transaction times by up to 12 days and exchange-ready packs have further reduced times, which is good news for the majority who want fast sales

# It's HIP to be upfront when selling your home

■ BY NICK AMES

A RECENT survey claims the majority of consumers are satisfied with the delivery of their Home Information Packs.

The Ipsos MORI survey, commissioned by the Association of Home Information Pack Providers revealed that six out of seven of those surveyed say the need to obtain a HIP did not influence their decision about whether or not to sell their home.

It also found that 60 per cent said the information provided by the seller in the Property Information Questionnaire (PIQ) is useful to buyers, with nearly three quarters saying it took less than 20 minutes to complete.

A total of 57 per cent agree that home buyers should be provided with more upfront information about the condition of the proper-

ty that they are buying.

Yet 30 per cent disagreed that providing home buyers with more information about a property before making an offer would improve the buying and selling process.

And unsurprisingly, four out of five agree that the process of buying and selling properties takes too long.

This last finding is further supported by existing research. For example, a study by Connells has already shown that HIPs reduce transaction times by up to 12 days. Exchange-ready packs have reduced times even further.

Mike Ockenden, director general of AHIPP, said: "Since HIPs were first launched property industry professionals and politicians have

been busy debating their impact. At AHIPP we thought it was about time we looked into what consumers think, as it is the British consumer that the packs were designed to benefit.

"What we've found is yet more evidence that the packs are well received by the general public, as well as being widely supported by the property industry.

"For example, research from Connells out last month looked at 3,000 transactions and found an average reduction of seven days when Exchange Ready Packs were used in the process. The research results indicate that upfront information is key and HIPs are obviously an effective way to deliver this benefit to consumers.

"We all know how stressful buying and selling property can be but the packs really do help you through, as these findings indicate."

## Make sure you're getting the right mortgage deal

ESTATE agent Your Move says it is concerned by the increasing number of people asking for help in solving problems with mortgages or re-mortgages.

The company says great care should be taken when it comes to deciding upon the right deal. Chris Neal, financial consultant for Your Move in Ashford, said: "It's understandable why many people think finding a mortgage is comparatively easy with price often being the only thing that matters to them.

"Many are often swayed by the apparent

attractiveness of special deals offered by high street banks and building societies or the implied ease of using so-called 'specialist' internet sites.

"Unfortunately by taking these routes many borrowers are significantly reducing the likelihood of finding the most suitable mortgage for their needs and budget.

"And along the way they may face unexpected costs. For example, high fees or the often pricey lender's insurance.

"They may also find, when using internet

sites, that they don't have a single point of contact to raise any concerns they may have and don't receive the ongoing support that can prove invaluable, particularly when first getting a mortgage or when a mortgage deal comes to an end.

"Like many DIY projects many people will feel confident they are doing the right thing only to find, further down the line, that it's not all going to plan and that they have to call in the experts to sort them out.

"It's the same with mortgages."

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- 4 bedroom mid-terraced
- Superb ground floor conversion
- Sea views and no chain



DOVER £139,995

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- 3 bedroom terrace
- Allocated parking
- Rear garden



FOLKESTONE £130,000

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- One bedroom seafront apartment
- Superb sea front location
- Excellent order throughout



FOLKESTONE £220,000

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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03104

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- Lounge/Diner and garden

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- Private rear garden
- No chain



SHEPHERDSWELL £375,000

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- Balcony & two bathrooms
- Countryside views and no chain



HAWKINGE £205,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02738

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- En suite & garage/driveway



FOLKESTONE £180,000

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02967

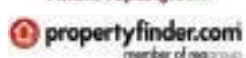
- 2 bed detached bungalow
- Garage and off road parking
- South facing rear garden



CHERITON £224,990

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- 4 bedroom semi-detached
- Good sized rear garden
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- Superb decorative order
- Large rooms



FOLKESTONE £329,950

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- Seven Bed Semi Detached House
- 3 Reception rooms and 2 Bathrooms
- Medium garden up to 60ft



CHERITON £190,000

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- Superb three bedroom house
- 2 bathrooms
- Garage and no chain



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- Sea views
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- 4 bedroom detached
- 3 bathrooms
- Off road parking and garage



HYTHE £259,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03053

- 6 bedroom terraced
- GCH/garden
- Conservatory



CHERITON £144,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03056

- 3 bedroom end of terrace
- Lounge/diner
- Front and rear garden



CHERITON £147,500

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP02991

- 3 bedroom terraced
- Lounge/diner
- GCH & DG



FOLKESTONE £249,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03074

- Three bed detached bungalow
- Garage and garden
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FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03091

- 6 bedroom semi detached
- Off road parking
- Viewing advised



FOLKESTONE £164,995

FOLKESTONE OFFICE HFP03090

- 4 bedroom terrace
- Close to seafront
- GCH & DG



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- Sea views and en-suite



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- Fully renovated



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- Fully fitted bar



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#### EASTRY £ 329,950

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#### NONINGTON £415,000

Det village loc, spacious accom, 4/6 bedrooms over 3 flrs, 3 receps, studio/annexe, p'king for several vhcls, cellar, generous gardens, garage and car port, open fireplaces, utility room, No onward chain!



#### SANDWICH £145,000

Two bedroom cottage situated in the market town of Sandwich, kitchen and living room to the ground floor, two bedrooms and family bathroom to the first floor. GFCH. Call now to view.



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Extended 3 Double Bedroom Home, Boasts Character, 3 Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor WC with Shower, DG & GFCH, Garage, Ample ORR Garden To Rear. Potential For Further Extension, Subject to P/P & B/Regs.



#### WORTH £165,000

End terrace cottage, living/Dining room, kitchen, rear lobby, two bedrooms, first floor bathroom, generous sized rear garden, workshop/shed, driveway to front. Double-glazing, gas-fired central heating.



#### SHEPHERDSWELL £325,000

Immaculately presented family home. One of only three properties. South facing garden, fitted kitchen, living room, dining room, conservatory, four WC's, two en-suite shower rooms, family bathroom.



#### DEAL £295,000

Four bedroom semi detached character home, two reception rooms, kitchen breakfast room, gfl WC, off road parking, wealth of character, sought after location, no chain.



#### WALMER £199,950

2 bedroom detached bungalow, approx 100' rear garden, living room, kitchen/dining room with aspect over garden towards farmland, shower room. GFCH, DG, call now to view.



#### SANDWICH £287,500

This delightful period cottage is located within the conservation area. Three beds, lovely lawned garden, dining room, kitchen and living room, upstairs bathroom, well presented, period features.



#### EASTRY £125,00

This delightful first floor flat is part of a period house and boasts two bedrooms, living room, kitchen and bathroom with garden area and two single garages! Popular village location - Viewing recommended.



#### PRESTON £249,950

Immaculately presented, popular village of Preston, backing onto farmland. 3 bedrooms, plenty of parking, contemporary styled kitchen and bathroom, conservatory, wood burning stove, no onward chain. View now!



#### EASTRY £225,000

Detached three bedroom bungalow. Walled and secluded rear garden, spacious accommodation, scope for loft conversion, kitchen/breakfast room, living/dining room, double beds, int garage, driveway, no chain.



#### DEAL £157,500

Three bedroom semi detached house located nearby to local amenities. Accom comprises living room, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, and bathroom, there is also a WC to the first floor. Block paved parking, r. garden mltl.



#### SANDWICH £215,000

Two bedroom property situated within a private mews style development. Fitted kitchen, living/dining room, gfl WC, 2 beds and bathroom to the first floor and study/guest room with en-suite. Courtyard garden, garage, no chain.



#### WOODNESBOROUGH £215,000

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#### SANDWICH £360,000

Need acreage? This two/three bedroom semi detached cottage could be the answer! Paddocks approximately 1.25 acres, garden approximately .25 of an acre, stable blocks, within .5 of a mile of the heart of Sandwich!



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Grade II listed period property offering versatile and spacious accom. Gfl business use, ORP, 4 bedrooms, two receps, beautiful courtyard garden. Call now to view.



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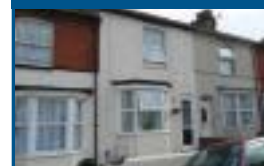


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## DOVER



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Two bedroom end of terrace house with gas central heating, rear garden and allocated parking.

## DOVER



**OIEO £125,000**

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## DOVER



**£149,995**

An older style terrace, lounge/diner, kitchen with built-in appliances, three bedrooms and garden.

## DOVER



**OIEO £155,000**

Well presented two bedroom first floor apartment in central location. Garage en bloc.

## DOVER



**ASKING PRICE £160,000**

Four bedroom end of terrace family home is good decorative order. Viewing recommended.

## EYTHORNE



**OIEO £190,000**

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## FOLKESTONE



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## FOLKESTONE



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### UK launches new Jazz age for the downsizers

HONDA has shown immaculate timing by starting to build the Jazz at Swindon – a car for recession-hit Britain.

Some 75 per cent of the five-door supermini's production initially will be for domestic sale at a time when UK buyers are downsizing.

The Jazz should also now enjoy a price edge due to the weaker pound, though Government-sponsored £2,000-a-go scrappage grants have boosted sales – 70 per cent of Honda scrappage deals have been for the Jazz.



### 'New' Golf estate may not be such a change

VW has unveiled a new Golf Estate, or has it? Look closely and this is actually a revamped Golf Mark V estate with Mark VI cosmetics.

Does it matter? Well, both Golf generations share the same chassis and it is pretty well the best in sector, but the Mark VI hatchback, which was launched early this year, set new class standards in cabin refinement and quality; buyers of the 'new' estate may lose out on much of that when it arrives in January. Prices start at £16,380.



### Smart economy is well and truly on the record

SMART'S diesel version of its ForTwo has won this year's MPG Marathon with 96.81mpg over a 360-mile route.

Acclaimed for world-beating CO2 emissions of only 88g/km, the 45bhp Cdi was always favourite, but it actually posted the best ever mpg figure in the seven-year history of the economy endurance event as well as improving the Cdi's official combined fuel economy figure of 85.6mpg by more than 13 per cent. Prices start from £6,900 and the Cdi from £9,227.



**TOP LEVEL:** The Laurin & Klement trim is certainly a cut above the rest for Skoda styling, but it does somewhat limit your choices when it comes to power options

# Driving the posh Skoda

LAURIN & Klement is Skoda's poshest trim.

But few people know that, possibly because the attention span of potential buyers crashes when asked to pay a lot more for it than everyday flagship Elegance trim.

The L&K badge comes from mechanic Václav Laurin and book-seller Václav Klement, who founded what became their namesake company and evolved into an upmarket car maker before merging with the Skoda combine in 1925.

Under Skoda's post-Communist era ownership by VW, the L&K badge revived as an exclusive sub-brand – I've just driven 21 grand's worth of L&K Octavia Estate.

Though considerably dearer than an entry level Octavia Estate (from £13,595), the L&K is more capacious than most rivals on price, with a robust cabin plus a shedload of extras.

Over and above the already well-equipped Elegance, L&K spec includes bespoke 17-inch alloys, illuminated interior door handles, L&K kick plates, multi-function steering wheel, leather seats – with heated front pair and electrically-adjustable driver's seat – xenon head-

## ROAD TEST L&K OCTAVIA

BY STEVE LOADER

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Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Green rating	★★★★★

lights and ESP (electronic stability control) as on the sporty vRS.

On top of this and a recent facelift, you also get an impressive VW Golf-derived mix of taut handling with decent ride. However, if you take the L&K luxury route, you have less choice of powertrain: there is a turbocharged 160bhp 1.8-litre petrol engine as tested here or a 140bhp 2.0-litre diesel.

It is a tough call. The petrol engine is an excellent all-rounder, with good pulling power across a wide rev range and a 0-62mph time of less than eight seconds, yet sensible driving should mean an average of around 40mpg.

The diesel also has plenty of punch and will do the sprint in 9.6 seconds while averaging at least 10mpg better. But does the diesel have the necessary refinement for the most luxurious Octavia, especially when it costs around £1,500 extra? I can save you another £900 or so too by not opting for the twin-clutch DSG auto 'box tested here.

Normally a fan of this piece of VW kit with its seamless auto mode and tidy manual selection, it does not partner the 1.8 Turbo so well, leading to some untidiness when pulling away on loose or wet surfaces.



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#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★★★★★
Reliability	★★★★★
Quality	★★★★★

### KIA SEDONA



NEVER mind the quality, feel the width describes the Kia Sedona (1999-2006). Replaced by a more sophisticated model, the original is a cheap, reliable and capacious used buy though the interior is tacky, safety features were not up with rivals and it feels lumpy on rural roads, though excelling as a comfy motorway muncher. The post-2002, 125bhp diesel is the engine to go for if the budget will stretch. Sliding rear doors and a big tailgate make access easy.

#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Looks and image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
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#### STAR QUALITY

Driving appeal	★★★★★
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NARROW WIN: Dover Sharks held firm in final minutes

## RUGBY

## Stubborn Sharks cling on to win

Cobham 17 Dover 21

DESPITE a nervous final ten minutes, Dover held on to claim a four-point win in London 1 South at high-flying Cobham.

The Sharks made a poor start to the game and were put under pressure by Cobham for the opening 20 minutes. Dover struggled to get possession and gave away three penalties. Luckily for the visitors only five points were scored by the hosts in the period, courtesy of a well-worked try.

Cobham continued to attack but Dover's defence held firm and they weathered the storm. The Sharks finally got to grips with the pace of the game and started to put together a number of attacking phases of play.

Dover's pack started to dominate and the pressure caused by the forwards allowed the visitors to score their first try. Mark Beaumont was on hand to score and Nick Ford added the extras to give Dover a 7-5 lead. Cobham fought back and the Surrey side re-took the lead on the stroke of half-time with their number eight powering through the Dover defence to score.

Dover began the second half with renewed vigour which prompted their second try of the game. Ford crashed over the Cobham try line and added the conversion to give Dover a 14-12 lead. The Sharks dominated the first 20 minutes of the half and scored a further try, which seemingly put them out of the reach of Cobham.

However, once again Cobham fought back and scored a try to cut the deficit. The conversion was missed which left Dover with a four-point advantage.

The final ten minutes was a nervous affair with Cobham searching for a converted try to win, but Dover hung on to clinch their third win of the season. Dover host Tunbridge Wells this Saturday.

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ON THEIR WAY: Dover Athletic midfielder Tom Davis escapes a challenge from a Welling United player on Saturday during the Whites' comfortable FA Cup passage at Crabble

# Whites edge closer to FA Cup tie with League club

## FOOTBALL

BY TOM HOWARD

Dover Athletic 2

Schulz 61, Wallis 78

Welling United 0



DOVER Athletic are just one win away from the FA Cup first round following a comfortable victory against Welling United at Crabble.

After a goalless first half on Saturday, Andy Hessenthaler's Whites soon kicked into gear and goals from Olly Schulz and Jon Wallis booked Dover's place in the next round of the competition.

The Whites face fellow Blue Square South side Eastleigh in the fourth qualifying round.

Hessenthaler told Yourdover: "It's nice to be

in the next round and get that monkey off our back so to speak. The competition has not been kind to us since I have been in charge."

Both sides lacked urgency at the start and the first half was punctuated with few opportunities. Tom Davis went close on a couple of occasions, but goalkeepers Lee Hook and Charlie Mitten were barely tested.

The Whites came out of the blocks quickly in the second half and took the lead on the hour mark. The unmarked Schulz headed Nicky Southall's free-kick into the net at the far post.

Dover dominated the possession as Welling struggled to get a foothold in the game. On 77 minutes Dover scored a second in a move started by Southall. The former Gillingham midfielder found substitute Jerahl Hughes and Wallis fired his pass into the bottom corner of the net.

The Whites seemed content to close out the game but Welling were awarded a penalty in the 90th minute after Jake Hobbs was brought down in the area. Hobbs dusted himself down to take the spot-kick, but Hook tipped the ball round the post to preserve the 2-0 score line.

After a lacklustre 1-0 defeat at Worcester last

## Dover starting XI



Subs used: Rocastle (Birchall 71), Hughes (Moore 57)

time out Hessenthaler was reasonably happy with the performance.

He said: "I was desperate for a response after the Worcester defeat. In the first half it didn't really come and the players knew it. However, the second half was much better with a lot more effort from the lads."

"Tom Davis put in a really good shift and worked his socks off. Also it was good to see Jake Leberl out there after his injury."

Elsewhere at the club, striker Andy Pugh has returned to Gillingham after completing his one-month loan at Crabble.

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